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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, EXSUBCOM

THROUGH :

SUBJECT : IAS Proposed Method for Updating Basic Reports on
Non-Military Industries

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1. It has become clear to the management of the Imagery Analysis Service that a more economical and efficient method for updating Basic Reports on non-military industrial installations is needed. Since 1969 the number of non-military industrial installations in the data base has increased from 272 to 826, and it will continue to grow in the future. Cost-saving revisions to the report content and format have been continually implemented by us to permit expansion of the data base without absorbing more of our limited imagery analysis resources. However, the task of periodically updating this increasingly large number of installations, both in terms of imagery analysis resources and report preparation costs, now constitutes the larger part of our contribution to the NTP. If we are to continue expanding the size of the data base, which we think is essential due to the present emphasis on economic intelligence, a more efficient method must be used for the update process.

2. On 6 September 1974, [] briefed the EXSUBCOM on a new method for updating non-military industrial installations in the NTP data base. The method is based on a specialized file in the IDF, available to NTP consumers via the COINS network, in which basic installation information would be stored (i.e., target data block, a compendium of plant production components, a basic plant description, and the reference data for the basic report). When an installation is updated, the update analysis, data, mission and operational status would be added to the basic plant description (see attached example). At the end of each fiscal year, we would produce a hard-copy report which will include a brief summary of developments within a specific industry, a listing of those installations which were updated during the year, and an explanation of how to retrieve individual installation update data from the special IDF file. The interested consumer could then query the special NTP file for the more detailed information. Most of the basic data on installations will already be available in a computer file IAS is forming to provide better support to CIA's Office of Economic Research. Therefore, it would be a simple matter of sorting this data in the computer to provide the installation data described above.

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3. We have researched the feasibility of using the IPIR/SUPIR format for this file as requested by EXSUBCOM at the 6 September briefing. We concluded that this format is not applicable to the needs of our principal consumers nor third-phase reporting in general. The format needs to be very readable, and to correspond closely to that of the hard copy initial reports. We recommend a computer program or some other means be developed for transferring update information from our suggested format to the specific needs of organizations that do not have access to the COINS network.

4. We request that EXSUBCOM give our proposed update method prompt review and approval, as we would like to begin implementing it this fiscal year. If you have any questions concerning this subject, please contact [REDACTED]

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Director

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Attachment:

Format Example

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